Telephone Connections in Villages of Tamil Nadu

3714. SHRI N. THALAVAI SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages provided with telephone facilities in Tamil Nadu, district-wise;

(b) the number of villages that are yet to be provided telephone connections, district-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to provide telephone connection at Kanyakumari district in Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) and (b) District-wise details are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) Plans have been drawn to provide about 10,000 new telephone connections during 1998-99 in Kanyakumari District.

Statement

District-wise VPTs provided and balance to be provided in Tamil Nadu State and Union Territory of Pondicherry

Sl. No.	Name of District	No. of Villages Provided with Telephones as on 31.5.98	No. of Villages yet to be provided with a Telephone in Tamil Nadu (District-wise)
Tamil Nadu State			
1.	Chengalpattu	1,085	23
2.	Coimbatore	488	0
3.	Cuddalore	790	0
4.	Dharmapuri	1,102	81
5.	Dindigul	398	1
6.	Erode	526	5
7.	Kanyakumari	183	0
8.	Karur	188	1
9.	Maduri	631	0
10.	Nagapattinam	337	1
11.	Namakkal	446	5
12.	Perambadur	401	1
13.	Periyakulam	173	0
14.	Pudukottai	804	12
15.	Ramanathapuram	554	0
16.	Salem	620	33
17.	Sivaganga	634	0
18.	Thanjavur	842	5
19.	Nilgiris	54	1

Sl. No.	Name of District	No. of Villages Provided with Telephones as on 31.5.98	No. of Villages yet to be provided with a Telephone in Tamil Nadu (District-wise)
20.	Tirunelveli	590	0
21.	Tiruvallur	608	27
22.	Tiruvannamalai	1,106	19
23.	Tiravarur	707	7
24.	Tiruchirapalli	540	6
25.	Tuticorin	507	0
26.	Vellore	895	13
27.	Villupuram	1,518	45
28.	Virudhunagar	648	5
	Union Territory of Pondicherry	264	3
	Total	17,639	294

Cities on Internet

3715. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA:
SHRI GOVIND RAM MIRI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cities in the country which are on internet till date;

(b) whether more cities of various States have approached the Ministry to be placed on the internet;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when these are likely to be decided upon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) Internet nodes have been established in 35 cities as per following details:—

Delhi, Mumbai, Calcutta, Chennai, Pune, Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Jaipur, Dehradun, Trivandrum, Gwalior, Guawahati, Hyderabad, Chandigarh, Patna, Lucknow, Kanpur, Goa, Ernakulam, Aurangabad, Indore, Nagpur, Hubli, Agra, Allahabad, Coimbatore, Madurai, Kollam Tiruchirapalli, Pondicherry, Mysore, Kottayam, Nasik, Surat & Shimla.

In addition, internet notes are being established in the following 14 cities.

Srinagar, Jammu, Bhubaneshwar, Bhopal, Mangalore, Siliguri, Silchar, Dhanbad, Palghat, Calicut, Kancheepuram, Durgapur, Jamsedhpur & Jalandhar.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Requests are received, among others, for provision of Internet nodes in the following Cities:

Trissur, Tutucorin, Salem, Raipur, Varanasi, Sangli, Tirunelveli, Nagercoil.

(d) Telecom Commission has approved establishment of Internet nodes in Thrissur, Tutucorin, Varanasi, Tirunelveli and Salem. Approval of nodes at other places is also being considered.